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SUBJ: DEC 19 NAC DISCUSSION ON CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE THE  
TREATY AREA

REF: USNATO 5373 (NOTAL)

1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE THE  
TREATY AREA INTO NAC DISCUSSION DECEMBER 19 WITH SUGGESTION  
REGIONAL EXPERTS MEETING MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR NAC CONSULTATION  
ON SELECTED SUBJECTS.

2. MENZIES (CANADA) AGREED THAT EXPERTS SESSIONS WERE USEFUL  
CONSULTATION TOOLS. HE REFERRED TO CANADIAN SUGGESTION  
(USNATO 5372) THAT MEETINGS COULD BE SHORTENED TO TWO DAYS  
BY SENDING HIGHER-LEVEL EXPERTS AND BY HAVING AN AGREED  
MINUTE PREPARED BY NATO/IS RATHER THAN A DETAILED REPORT  
PAINSTAKINGLY NEGOTIATED AND DRAFTED BY EXPERTS.

3. SVART (DENMARK) DOUBTED UTILITY OF RESTRUCTURING CURRENT  
EXPERTS FORMAT. WHILE DRAFTING EXERCISE WAS ADMITTEDLY  
CUMBERSOME, IT PERMITTED GREATER EXPOSURE FOR SMALLER COUNTRIES  
WITH LIMITED CAPABILITIES TO THINKING OF COUNTRIES WITH GREATER  
EXPERTISE ON A GIVEN AREA. MOREOVER, REPORT-DRAFTING FREQUENTLY  
HELPED CONSENSUS BY FORCING EXPERTS TO CLARIFY THEIR VIEWS.  
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ACCORDINGLY, DENMARK SAW MERIT NEITHER IN ABBREVIATING EXPERTS'  
SESSIONS NOR IN CHANGING PREPARATION AND FORMAT OF REPORTS.

4. NOGUEIRA (PORTUGAL) AGREED WITH DANISH VIEW.

5. UK (LOGAN) SAID UK DEL WOULD EXPAND AFTER FIRST OF YEAR ON CONSULTATION PROPOSAL MADE BY SIR ALEC AT DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. AS PRELIMINARY, LOGAN SAID BRITISH FORESAW NATO CONSULTATIONS NOT ONLY ON AREAS OUTSIDE TREATY COVERAGE BUT ON ANY AREA THAT COULD BE DIVISIVE FOR THE ALLIANCE. THE UK WANTED A GLOBAL AND UP-TO-DATE EXAMINATION OF DEVELOPING PROBLEM SITUATIONS. THIS MIGHT BE FACILITATED BY ESTABLISHING IN ADVANCE A CHECK-LIST OF CRISES FACTORS OR ASSESSMENTS.

6. IN CONTEXT OF CONSULTATIONS, NETHERLANDS CHARGE BUWALDA NOTED THAT THE ME PEACE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WAS, LIKE SALT, OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE BUT THAT ONLY ONE OF ALLIES WAS A PARTICIPANT. BUWALDA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THAT ALLY WOULD KEEP OTHERS FULLY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED OF GENEVA DEVELOPMENTS. PRENDERGAST

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